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SUBJECT: AHARAM ARTICLE ON ATHERTON VISIT

TO EGYPT

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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE ON
VISIT BY ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON TO EGYPT WHICH
APPEARED IN AHARAM DECEMBER 18.

2. QUOTE PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT WILL MEET NEXT
SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21) WITH MR. ALFRED ATHERTON,
THE AMERICAN ASST SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MIDDLE
EASTERN AFFAIRS, WHO IS ARRIVING IN CAIRO ON A
24-HOUR VISIT AS PART OF HIS TRIP TO THE AREA AS
AN ENVOY OF HENRY KISSINGER, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY
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OF STATE. ATHERTON WILL ALSO HOLD A LONG DISCUSSION

SESSION WITH ISMA'IL FAHMY, DEPPRIMIN/FONMIN,
CONCERNING THREE IMPORTANT SUBJECTS, WHICH ARE:

A. THE RESULTS OF ATHERTON'S VISITS TO ISRAEL,
SYRIA, AND JORDAN TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES
OF ATTAINING A SECOND DISENGAGEMENT ON THE GOLAN
FRONT AND TO WORK FOR THE CONVENING OF A PEACE
CONFERENCE WHICH MIGHT REACH A FINAL SETTLEMENT
OF THE ME PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF THE
PALESTINIANS.

B. THE AMERICAN STAND IN THE UNGA AND UNSC AFTER
THE RECENT RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING ISRAEL AND THE
SESSION OF THE UNSC PLANNED FOR NEXT JANUARY 12
TO DISCUSS THE ME CRISIS.

C. BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND AMERICA
AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT AFTER THE VISIT OF SADAT TO
US. UNQUOTE.

3. USING PRESS ARTICLE AS PEG, AMBASSADOR IN-
QUIRED TODAY OF USAMA AL-BAZ IF MEETING WITH SADAT
HAD IN FACT BEEN ARRANGED. AL-BAZ PROFESSED NOT
TO HAVE SEEN AHRAM ARTICLE, BUT NOTED FAHMY'S VIEW
NO MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IS NECESSARY. AMBASSADOR
INDICATED DECISION ENTIRELY ONE FOR GOE TO TAKE,
BUT NOTED THAT AFTER THIS PRESS STORY, WRONG IN-
FERENCES ARE LIKELY TO BE DRAWN IF NO SUCH MEETING
TAKES PLACE. AL-BAZ AGREED AND INDICATED FAHMY
WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO LOOK AT MATTER AGAIN IN
LIGHT PRESS REPORT.
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